GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1162
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BAN ON HUNTING OF ANIMAL
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Mongoose hair paints a grisly picture` appearing in the Times of India dated November 1, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Government have banned hunting of this animal earlier, as well as dealing in its parts without a licence; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the guidelines issued by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes ,Sir.

(b)&(c) The hunting of Mongoose is banned under Section 9 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act ,1972. There is no ban on issue of dealership license under Section 44 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act. According to the information available in this Ministry, no dealership licenses have been issued in case of Mongoose hair. The possibility of some stationery dealers manufacturing Mongoose hair brushes illegally cannot be ruled out.Directions have been issued to the Chief Wildlife Wardens of all states to keep vigilance and take action against the persons indulging in such illegal activities.